





## RIVER AND STEAMBOAT MATTERS.

The editor of the *Democrat* is not content with maliciously endeavoring to depreciate the property and increasing prosperity of our state. He is not satisfied with assailing and defaming our citizens generally. He has commenced an unprovoked, unmerited, malignant, and outrageous assault upon the merchants of Louisville in particular. He falsely charges that political discussions have been introduced into the Chamber of Commerce, thereby insinuating that the proceedings of the meetings of merchants and business men, for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the city, have been biased by political considerations. He was not present at any of those meetings, and must have been grossly misinformed as to what took place there. If an attempt has, at any time, been made to introduce political into the meetings of our merchants and business men, it has been done in a most ungracious and ungenerous manner. The R. M. Patton will leave for the *Times* Saturday evening. The Telegraph No. 2, Captain Hulbrecht, is the Cincinnati mailman. The Rainbow is the packet for Henderson. We are indebted to Messrs. Field and Ladd, of the Fahey Bullitt, for favors. See leaves to-morrow.

We thank Mr. Fleming, of the W. A. Eaves, for his kind words of commendation. Consol'd. and New Orleans cotton has advanced, and Bradford and Savannah were firm.

GENERAL COUNCIL.—The council last night elected the following officers: President, —William Cross, on the 2d ballot.

Superintendent of the Almshouse—Dr. Joseph W. Putnam, on the 6th ballot.

Physician of the Eastern District—Dr. R. H. Allen, on the 1st ballot.

Physician of the Western District—Dr. E. K. Steele, on the 1st ballot.

Market Masters.—Midway, market, between the 4th and 5th streets, A. B. Bagger, on the 1st ballot; Preston street market—E. C. Mathews, on the 5th ballot; Shively street market—J. Franklin, on 2d ballot; Falls City market—These, on the 3d ballot.

Sebastopol—Oakland Cemetery—J. M. Read, on the 1st ballot; Western Cemetery, Wm. Badgett, on the 2d ballot.

Gauges of Liquors—J. D. Thomas and H. R. Westby, on the 1st ballot.

Inspectors of Fish—E. Cannon and J. M. Moore, on the 1st ballot.

Inspectors of Beef, Pork, &c.—John Gibson and Claus Jeannett, on the 1st ballot.

Inspectors of Salt—Wm. Coleman, on the 1st ballot; and G. G. Arnold, on the 2d ballot.

Measures of Painting—A. W. E. Harris, on the 1st ballot and John H. How, on the 2d ballot.

Measures of Brick and Stone Work—Wm. R. Hydes and Fleming Wright, on the 2d ballot.

Measures of Plastering—D. T. Smart and Glover, on the 1st ballot.

The election of Chief of the Police was postponed until Saturday evening, the 20th, by the Council, which took place Wednesday evening, April 16. A motion to recess the calendar fast for watchmen and Assistant Assessors was carried, to take up the next meeting.

THEATRE.—The drama of *Satin in Paris* and the *Lady of the Lovers* were performed to-night. Miss May was the prettiest in the former, and in the first, an actress of the prettiest part in both, and in the second, a picture of great character.

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It is shameful that Louisville should, under such circumstances, be compelled to depend upon Wheeling and Pittsburg for this important article of her commerce. It is time that she should be aroused from her Van Winkle slumber, and should heartily and industriously commence the manufacture of such articles for herself. With the pig-iron here at own doors, and with a market within herself sufficient to maintain a factory, her consumers and merchants should no longer be compelled to pay two freight rates, and Louisville will be enabled to compete with the manufacturers upon the railroads.

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